

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Takashi Ikemoto et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1795
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Application No.: 10/584,306)	Examiner: Empress A. Etheridge
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Filed: June 23, 2006)	
)	Confirmation No.: 9018
For: Microporous Membrane Made)	
From Polyolefin)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

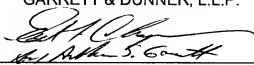
In a restriction requirement dated June 4, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - Claims 1-4 and Group II - Claims 5-8. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-4 drawn to a polyolefin microporous membrane.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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